

Privacy Information - Biometric Arrival

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is taking your photograph to verify that each person presenting a travel document for entry into the U.S. is the true bearer of that document.

If you do not wish to have your photograph taken, please see a CBP officer to request manual identity verification. Certain non-U.S. citizens may be required to provide biometrics under 8 C.F.R. § 235.1(f)(1)(ii).

CBP will delete photographs of biometrically verified U.S. citizens collected through this process within 12 hours. Pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1365b; 8 C.F.R. 235.1(f)(1)(ii) photographs for certain non-U.S. citizens are retained in secure Department of Homeland Security systems and used as a biometric confirmation of arrival into the U.S.

For more information, please visit our website at www.cbp.gov/biometrics.